

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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~~The present invention relates generally to an improved Adevice for~~  
banding stacks of bank notes and, more specifically, to a device that tightly  
bands stacks with prefabricated paper rings, of which the perimeter of the ring  
precisely corresponds with the perimeter of a pile of bank notes. ~~The instant~~  
~~abstract is neither intended to define the invention disclosed in this specification~~  
5 ~~nor intended to limit the scope of the invention in any way.~~

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